

§ 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

*Amendments*

*In the Claims:*

Please substitute the following claim 34 for the pending claim 34:

34. (Once Amended) A method for drying a solution containing macromolecules, comprising the steps of:

- B
- (1) receiving a vessel containing the solution; and
  - (2) directing a gas into the vessel.

Please substitute the following claim 41 for the pending claim 41.

41. (Once Amended) The method according to claim 34, further comprising the step of:

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- (3) heating the solution in the vessel.

Please substitute the following claim 46 for the pending claim 46:

46. (Once Amended) The method according to claim 34, further comprising the steps of:

- B
- (3) sensing a moisture content of the solution; and
  - (4) terminating step (2) when the moisture content of the solution reaches a predetermined level.